

## AGENDA



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 45**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments Cooperative Purchasing Program (HGAC) with SANTEX TRUCK CENTER, San Antonio, TX, for the purchase of three dump trucks, three truck cab and chassis, two water service trucks, and one truck tractor in an amount not to exceed \$882,219.99.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$618,102.99 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$162,924 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of \$101,193 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-4014

**Purchasing Language:**

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

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This contract is for the purchase of two new and seven replacement pieces of heavy-duty equipment to be distributed among Austin Water Utility, Solid Waste Services Department, and Watershed Protection Department.

The Austin Climate Protection Program team and Fleet staff have worked together to develop a equipment purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the equipment, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles and equipment submitted to Fleet for purchase.

All of these pieces of equipment are powered with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petrodiesel.

The equipment in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments reviewed the list of equipment determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses were determined within the departments, and the proposed equipment was reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified equipment is appropriate for the use.

All of the replacement pieces of equipment have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle and piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

The two sewer cleaner bodies will be purchased through a separate contract.

An administrative award will be made for the purchase of a new dead animal service body as a result of a separate open-market solicitation.

Included in this purchase is the following heavy-duty equipment:

Austin Water Utility

3 6x4 Dump Trucks – 2 New, 1 Replacement

1 4x2 Truck Cab and Chassis for Vactor Sewer Body – Replacement

2 4x2 Water Service Trucks – Replacements

Solid Waste Services

1 4x2 Truck Cab and Chassis for Dead Animal Service Body – Replacement

1 6x4 Truck Tractor - Replacement

Watershed Protection

1 6x4 Truck Cab and Chassis for Vactor Sewer Body - Replacement

Santex Truck Center is under contract with HGAC to supply various types of heavy trucks statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment order.